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SPECIAL NOTICE

To those in Arrears.

As cash down is demanded for every article used in our business, we are compelled to call on all in arrears to pay up at once.

After February no paper will be sent unless the money is paid in advance. All in arrears not paid up at that time will be stricken off our mail books. Send your orders at once.

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News of the Day.

Major General Gilmore and staff sailed on Thursday for Hilton Head. He is appointed to a new Department of the Southwest, including Georgia, South Carolina, and will supersede General Foster.

Relief despatches from Mobile, who recently reached the Union fleet in the Bay, stated that it was the general belief that the city would be evacuated without waiting for the advance of Gen. Gordon Granger, whose force they represent as having been increased to 25,000 men.

We have rumors that the Republicans forces have achieved a victory over the French in Southern Mexico.

It is stated on the authority of the New York Times that Mr. Seward despatches, with out reserve, that the peace negotiations were a total failure.

The latest advices represent that Sherman's army were advancing into the very heart of South Carolina.

It is said that Major General Pope is appointed to the command of the Military Division of the Mississippi, to supersede the Department of Missouri, Arkansas and the Northwest. General Curtis retires from the Department of Kansas and assumes command of the Department of the Northwest. The Department of Kansas and Missouri is placed under the command of General Dodge.

Latter advices from Savannah report the fire there as more destructive than at first.

It is now said that 20,000 were lost, and one hundred buildings destroyed.

The Lake Erie pirate Burley, who was on trial at Toronto, was delivered to our authorities at Suspension Bridge before day light on Friday morning.

The order of dishonorable muster out in the case of Colonel E. A. Starling, 35th Kentucky volunteers, has been revoked by the Secretary of War, and he is accordingly honorably mustered out.

It is reported that Robert Lincoln, son of the President, will shortly join the army as an aid on the staff of Gen. Grant.

It is stated that Senator Wilson's bill to pay officers and soldiers actually in the field, will give the men thirty cents a day more, and officers eighty cents more, and freedom from taxation. Lieutenants and Captains in front of the enemy will get \$30 a year more than they now do. Gentlemen, and officers on detached duty serving in the rear are excluded from this benefit.

The left wing of Sherman's army, under Gen. Sloane, had reached a place on Savannah river called Sister's Ferry, fifty miles above Savannah. This column was greatly impeded in its march by the swampiness of the country. The right wing under General Howard, met with no such embarrassments. Thus far no enemy has been met.

An Atlanta correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch says it is folly to attempt to disguise the fact that in North Carolina, Georgia, and even in South Carolina, there is widespread dissatisfaction, which, if not timely checked, threatens to produce the gravest disasters.

Gov. Brown has called an extra session of the Legislature of Georgia to meet on Wednesday of this week.

There was a great demonstration in Music Hall, Boston, last evening, by way of expressing joy at the progress of freedom, as manifested in the passage of the Constitutional Amendment.

Southern papers say Beauregard had arrived in Augusta and taken charge of military operations in that department.

General Lee was, a few days since, unanimously confirmed in the rebel Confederate States. He will command in the armies about Richmond.

McPherson's History of the Rebellion.

We are glad to see that this admirable compendium of events in the political and civil management of the war, and the progress of the rebellion, will soon be in the book market again. The first edition was exhausted some little time since. The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette speaks of the forthcoming edition thus:

The Political History of the Rebellion, compiled last summer by Mr. McPherson, the Clerk of the House, has proved so popular a work of reference for editors and politicians generally, that the entire edition is exhausted, and a second has been for some time ago. It is now passing through the press, and will probably be issued by the first of March.

Mr. McPherson has gone carefully over the entire text, correcting errors, supplying omissions, and bringing the record of legislation, both national and rebel, down to date. His work is a most soft-voiced deprecating article against retaliation, that it is after all doubtful whether there is, in other than exceptional cases, any real cruelty, any unnecessary suffering inflicted upon our prisoners. He says:

It is something to be able to say to the opponents of such a measure as the constitutional, that we are not profiting slavery, that we are trying to uplift and sympathize with all religious denominations, of whatever faith, or creed, or political bias, in the United States, have joined in denouncing.

Fortified with Mr. McPherson's book, the statement may be made and proved. Of the other merits of this admirable compilation, nothing need be said. The second edition will doubtless be welcomed as cordially as was the first.

Bunker Hill.

A good story is told of a Yankee huckster, who was engaged to convey two Englishmen about the environs of Boston, including of course, the Englishmen. After returning to the hotel, where the driver was rapidly waiting for them, "Say, driver," says one of the Englishmen, "this is the place where we gave you Yankees a d-d thrashing about eighty years since." "Well," says the driver, "don't know as I ever heard tell about that b---- who owns the land now."

At a recent concert at the Royal Opera House, at Berlin, Ole Bull, the celebrated Norwegian violin player, reappeared, after an absence of many years. He still possesses the wonderful mastery over his instrument which he displayed in years long past.

The Springfield Union says that since the war tax struck the whisky in that place, it has become weak that it is run in candle molds, frozen, and sold by the stick.

Gas can be furnished from petroleum at \$1.50 per thousand feet.

Salisbury Prison.

We trust our readers, if they have not already done so, will go resolutely through the harrowing account of the treatment of our soldier's in Salisbury Prison, which we reproduce on our first page. It is the testimony of two accomplished, shrewd, observing and trustworthy witnesses—Messrs. Richardson & Brown of the New York Tribune. There are several reasons why peculiar value attaches to this testimony. In the first place the witnesses do not make themselves in any sense or degree the heroes of their own tale. Their report is obviously as disinterested as it is possible for human testimony to be. In the second place these gentlemen had unusual facilities for making constant and extensive as well as minute observations. They were detailed to assist in the management and conduct of the so-called hospitals, in the prison, in the exercise of which functions they necessarily had more liberty of movement than other prisoners, and were compelled to observe more carefully the character and amount of suffering in that reeking pen of hunger, sickness and all physical discomfort. Add to this the fact that their own suffering, although severe, fell short of producing that dull difference and stupor in relation to the sufferings of others which inevitably creeps over the majority of victims subjected to such excessive physical trial. But there is another reason whose value is very commonly and very greatly underrated in our estimates of the worth of any given testimony, on any given subject. It is that these witnesses are experts in the art of observation. We use the term "art" advisedly. The habit or capacity of seeing facts, whether in science, current events, or the everyday circumstances transpiring about us, continually, is rare enough to justify naming such mental exercise an art.

These gentlemen make a profession of looking at things and noting down what they see. And to these several qualifications for reporting on the condition of Salisbury prison is added the most unimpeachable integrity and truthfulness. Yet their testimony is in the main but a reiteration of what hundreds and even thousands of other witnesses have already stated, either in whole or in part.

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